## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-59-05

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL IHSS PROGRAM MANAGERS

| Reason For This Transmittai                           |
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| [ ] State Law Change<br>[ ] Federal Law or Regulation |
| Change  [ ] Court Order or Settlement  Agreement      |
| [ ] Clarification Requested by one or More Counties   |
| [X] Initiated by CDSS                                 |

SUBJECT: STATE PARTICIPATION OF IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER WAGES AND BENEFITS

REFERENCE: Welfare and Institutions Code Section 12306.1 (D)(3)

This All-County Information Notice (ACIN) provides counties with State wage sharing information for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers.

## Individual Provider Wages Under Public Authority (PA)/Nonprofit Consortium (NPC)

Effective July 1, 2005, the State will share in the cost of Individual Provider Mode wages and individual health benefits in PA/NPC counties up to \$11.10 per hour, provided that wages in the county have reached at least \$7.50 per hour. The amount between \$7.50 and \$11.10 up to \$3.60 may be applied to wages, individual health benefits, or both.

If provider wages have not reached at least \$7.50 per hour in the county, the State will only share in the cost of the actual provider wages plus individual health benefits up to \$0.60 per hour.

## Individual Provider Wages Under Other than PA/NPC

The State will continue to share in the cost of the individual provider wages up to 5.31 percent above the State minimum wage in counties without a PA/NPC. With a State minimum wage of \$6.75 per hour, the maximum provider wages the State will share in is \$7.11 per hour. The State does not share in individual health benefits.

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## PA/NPC Rate Change

Counties must submit changes to the PA/NPC rate using the SOC 449, In-Home Supportive Services Program Public Authority/Nonprofit Consortium Rate form. The State share participation in a rate increase is subject to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the Department of Health Services (DHS) approval and must be provided for in the annual State Budget Act or appropriated by statute. In accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 12306.1 (b), any change made to the PA/NPC rate shall take effect commencing the first day of the month following final approval received by CDSS and DHS.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Kyle Weber, Manager of the Fiscal and Administrative Unit, at (916) 229-4527, or you may contact the Public Authority Analyst assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

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c: CWDA